

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 847

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Betty Elizabeth Beasley
of Bolivar.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Betty Elizabeth Beasley; and

WHEREAS, Betty Beasley was an exemplary woman and consummate professional
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous
capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Bolivar's Red Hill community on January 19, 1959, Ms. Beasley was
the daughter of Leroy and Bessie Mookie Beasley; she was a 1977 graduate of Bolivar Central
High School and pursued her post-secondary education at Jackson State Community College;
and

WHEREAS, Betty Beasley worked as a caregiver and at the Hardeman County Health
Department, Harmon Automotive, Dossie's Grill, Subway, and Route 64; and

WHEREAS, known as Ms. B., she proudly served as a paraprofessional at Bolivar
Central High School from 1988 to 2016 and distinguished herself as an employee of the
greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to giving back to her community, Ms. Beasley served on the
board of the Hardeman County Community Health Center, the Hardeman County Election
Commission, and the Bolivar Electric Department; and

WHEREAS, in her early life, Betty Beasley was a member of Mays Hill Baptist Church
and Campbell Chapel Baptist Church, where she was a member of the choir and the youth
department; she later joined Greater Springfield Baptist Church and traveled with her son to
support him in his ministry; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beasley was the proud mother of Shontaviar (Zekydia) Beasley and Javontae Allen and the beloved grandmother of Brooklyn, Bryson, and Brylin; she is lovingly remembered by her brothers, Ricky (Della Ree) Beasley and Eric (Patricia) Beasley; her aunt, Sally Elizabeth Woods; her great-aunt, Lydia Beasley; her treasured nieces and nephews, whom she reared as her own children; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Lenard Beasley; and

WHEREAS, Betty Beasley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Betty Elizabeth Beasley, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Beasley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.